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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, CO
SUBJECT: DIFFICULTIES OF GOC NARCOTICS PERSONNEL WORKING
CLOSELY WITH US MISSION

1. MISSION HAS WITHIN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME RECEIVED REPORTS FROM
RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATING UNUSUAL SERIES OF EVENTS AFFECTING GOC
PERSONNEL WHO HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MISSION, PARTICULARLY DEA,
IN NARCOTICS FIELD. INFORMATION IS STILL TOO INCOMPLETE TO DRAW
CONCLUSION THAT PATTERN OF OBSTRUCTION EXISTS, BUT IN MISSION'S
OPINION, REPORTS ARE SERIOUS ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY PRELIMINARY REPORT-
ING AND CONTINUING CLOSE SCRUTINY.

2. CAPTAIN TEODORO CAMPO, F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT CHIEF, WILL REPORTEDLY
BE COURT MARTIALED IN CONNECTION WITH A SHOOT-OUT AT THE BOGOTA AIR-
PORT IN FEBRUARY 1976, IN WHICH ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND BOTH CAMPO
AND ANOTHER F-2 OFFICER WERE WOUNDED. TIMING AND CONTEXT OF COURT
MARTIAL WOULD BE HIGHLY IRREGULAR AS CAMPO WAS PREVIOUSLY
TRIED AND ACQUITTED IN CIVIL COURT.

3. FMUR DAS NARCOTICS AGENTS ARE SUDDENLY BEING TRANSFERRED
FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. ONE OF TRANSFERS COULD BE CONSIDERED
PROMOTION, BUT IS MORE LIKELY EFFORT TO FORCE AGENT INTO
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RETIREMENT BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF STATION INVOLVED. THREE
OF TRANSFERS INVOLVE AGENTS THAT HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH BDO,
ONE AS ASSIGNED LIASON OFFICER WITH ALMOST DAILY DEA CONTACT
FOR PAST TWO YEARS AND OTHER TWO WHO PARTICIPATED IMN OPERATION
FUNNEL AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS INCLUDING ONE INVOLVING
ARREST OF COLOMBIAN SENATOR'S SON.

4. ACTING CHIEF OF DAS CENTRAL NARCOTICS UNIT, MARIO ALFARRO, HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAVE GONE WRONG IN RECENT MONTHS. ALL OF UNIT'S VEHICLES WERE TAKEN AWAY AND THEN ONLY PARTIALLY RETURNED (MISSION WILL INVESTIGATE WHETHER ANY US PROVIDED VEHICLES HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED), SEVERAL "PRODUCTIVE" WIRETAPS ON "INFLUENTIAL" PERSONS WERE ORDERED STOPPED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL, AND, FINALLY, ALFARRO HIMSELF IS BEING SUED BY AN F-2 LIEUTENANT AS A RESULT OF AN INJURY SUSTAINED BY THE LIEUTENANT IN SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN DAS AND F-2 GROUPS RESULTING FROM "MISTAKEN IDENTITIES" DURING A NARCOTICS SEIZURE IN JULY 1976. F-2 LIEUTENANT IS IDENTIFIED AS ASSOCIATE WITH KNOWN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND ALFARRO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSURED BY SUPERIORS THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WHEN HIS CASE CAME TO COURT. HOWEVER, ALFARRO AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE NOW CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME.
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